

Cambridge 7th of August 1828.

Dear Sir,

It is not with^{out} some reluctance, and with an apology that I trouble you with this Letter instead of writing directly to my son Andrew, who is under your command. He informs me by letter, that he has been recently robbed of his pocket book containing all his money, and a certificate I gave him respecting a musket ~~he~~ ^{me} I gave him, which belonged to his late brother.

He informed that he was in camp, and not knowing whether in that situation, at a distance from a post office, this letter containing a bill of Ten dollars might not be in danger from the same robbers, I thought it would be safe if directed to you, and that you, considering the nature of the case, and the unlucky circumstance of his loss, would excuse the liberty I have taken. He may rest assured that so long as he retains the good opinion of Major Mason and his officers, I never will be inattentive to his comfort, and well being in every respect.

I congratulate you on the sure and certain hope and more than hope, of the re-election of our excellent President, who has just informed me by letter that he expects to be with us in all this month: which I rejoice at on our own account, and doubly so on account of his own health; for his life and health is precious in the eyes of all New England. Accept the expressions of the esteem & respect of Benj^r. Waterhouse.

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